

[Mr. G. Raman Menon.]

State and order that all direct receipts and disbursements of Government money, except the expenditure on the salaries, contingencies, etc., of the Central Account and Audit Office, should be made through the Treasuries or other institutions subject to the audit of the Central Account and Audit Office?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (a) No moneys are received direct in the Audit Office. Disbursements are, however, made in the case of all service payments in the Capital after pre-audit in the Account Office.

(b) The present system of payment after audit is effective in preventing payment of irregular and wrongful claims and is better than a post-audit system which could detect objections only after money has been paid. The present system, which is prevailing in British India, was introduced here after mature consideration. Government do not, as at present advised, propose to adopt the innovation suggested.

*Budget Allotment for the Diversion of the Pandiyan Channel.*

5. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): (a) Are the Government aware that the sum of Rs. 1,500 allotted in the P. W. D. Budget Estimates for 1101 M. R. (Item No. 217-New Works) for the diversion of the Pandiyan channel in the Nuranad *pakuthi*, Mavelikara taluk, is not sufficient for doing even about one-fifth of the work?

(b) In view of the fact that the cultivation in about 20,000 *paras* of *punja* paddy fields in Karingalichal *punja* will be protected against loss from floods and that over 2,000 *paras* of wet lands can be sold in auction by Government and newly brought under *punja* cultivation, will the Government be pleased to sanction the total amount required for the purpose, as early as convenient, by means of a supplementary grant or otherwise?

(c) In view of the fact that the digging of the channel can be done more cheaply and rapidly through the agency of some respectable inhabitant of the locality with the co-operation of the people, will the Government be pleased to have the work done in this manner at Government expense, under the advice and supervision of the P. W. Department?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The answer is in the affirmative. The provision made is made only with a view to make a start with the work.

(b) The question of a supplementary grant will be considered, if found necessary.

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*Registry of Lands in the Catchment Area of the Periyar Lake.*

6. **MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answers given to my question on the 1st November, 1923, regarding prohibition of registry of lands in the catchment area of the Periyar Lake, will the Government be pleased to state: